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SUBJECT: STATE SECRETS LAW AND RFE

1. STATE SECRETS LAW (NO. 23) OF 1971, ARTICLE 14, FORBIDS
ANY ROMANIAN CITIZEN TO HAVE "ANY TYPE OF CONNECTION WITH
FOREIGN RADIO, TV OR PRESS WHICH CONDUCT ACTIVITY DEFAMATORY
OR AGAINST INTEREST OF ROMANIAN STATE." FINE FOR SUCH AN
ACTION IS 1,000-5,000 LEI. HOWEVER, RECENT ARTICLE IN
PROVINCIAL PRESS (INAINTE, JUNE 24, 1977, DOLJ JUDET) EXTENDS
THIS ACTION OF LAW TO INCLUDE LISTENING TO AND SPREADING
SUCH INFORMATION, I.E. RFE BROADCASTS. AFTER QUOTING ABOVE
ARTICLE OF STATE SECRETS ACT, COLONEL PETRE PUNCEASCU,
AUTHOR OF ARTICLE WHICH IS ONE OF SERIES ON KNOWLEDGE
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OF AND RESPECT FOR THE LAWS, WRITES: "NO SUCH CON-
NECTIONS (WITH FOREIGN MEDIA) CAN BE CONDONED, IN-
CLUDING LISTENING AND SPREADING FALSE NEWS FROM FOREIGN
RADIO STATIONS, WHEN OUR (ROMANIAN) RADIO AND TV HAVE
A RICH AND PERMANENT PROGRAM ADEQUATE TO OUR PREOCCUPATIONS
AND REALITIES. THE INJECTION OF DEFAMATORY NEWS INTO OUR
STATE CAN ONLY CAUSE MORAL DECADENCE AMONG THOSE WHO LISTEN

TO IT, AND SUCH INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT TO BE TOLERATED."

2. COMMENT: THIS IS FIRST PUBLIC REFERENCE WE HAVE SEEN
THAT MERE LISTENING TO RFE IS CONTRARY TO STATE SECRETS
LAW, ALTHOUGH MANY ROMANIANS HAVE ALWAYS BELIEVED THIS
EVEN THOUGH THEY CONTINUE TO LISTEN IN GREAT NUMBERS.
WE WILL CONTINUE TO WATCH PRESS TO SEE IF THIS IS REPEATED
ELSEWHERE AS PART OF ANTI-RFE CAMPAIGN, OR REMAINS AN
ISOLATED INSTANCE WHERE SOMEONE MAY HAVE EXCEEDED HIS
INSTRUCTIONS.
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